(c) These issues are under active consideration in consultation with the concerned Ministries/Departments.

[Translation]

Narmada Water Irrigation Projects

3512. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the figures of the Narmada Water usable for irrigation purpose has been assessed to be 18.25 M.A.F. by the Narmada Dispute Tribunal;

(b) whether Central Water Commission has also confirmed it.

(c) if so, the M.A.F. of water allotted to Madhya Pradesh out of it;

(d) the present position of the construction scheme of major dams (Narmada Sagar, Onkareshwar etc.) on Narmada river in view of the pace at which Madhya Pradesh has been using its share of water;

(e) the estimated cost of construction of these dams and the expenditure incurred thereon so far;

(f) whether the Union Government propose to provide financial and other necessary assistance for Narmada Sagar, Onkareshwar and Maheshwar dams in view of the insufficient financial resources of Madhya Pradesh; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c). As per the Award of Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal (NWDT), the quantum of available flow in Narmada river at Sardar Sarovar Dam site is assessed as 28 Million Acre Feet (MAF) on the basis of 75% dependability, out of which 18.25 Million Acre Feet (MAF) of water is allocated to Madhya Pradesh. Studies conducted by Central Water Commission have confirmed the assessment made by the Tribunal.

(d) and (e). The construction of Narmada Sagar Project in Madhya Pradesh is in progress and about 26% works has been completed upto July, 1996. An amount of Rs. 365.40 crores has been incurred on the project upto June, 1996 against an estimated cost of Rs. 2167.67 crores. The construction of Omkareshwar and Maheshwar Projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 1616.04 crores and Rs. 465.63 crores respectively are yet to commence.

(f) and (g). Central Assistance is given to the States in the form of block loans and grants and is not tied to any particular sector of development. However, Central assistance of Rs. 50 crores has been earmarked for Narmada Sagar Project under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme for the year 1996-97. Out of this, Rs. 25 crores has already been released.

[English]

Misappropriation of Funds Under Operation Black Board in Karnataka

3513. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the funds provided to Karnataka under the Operation Black Board during 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) whether several crores of rupees had been misappropriated in the implementation of Operation Black Board in Karnataka;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to take action against the officials found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : Central Assistance amounting to Rs. 1381.10 lakhs and Rs. 966.47 lakhs have been released to Government of Karnataka during 1995-96 and 1996-97 respectively under the scheme of Operation Blackboard.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Post Lying Vacant

3514. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether some posts in various categories reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been lying vacant since long in various departments and undertakings under in administrative control of his Ministry;

(b) if so, the post wise details thereof separately as on date;

(c) whether new appointments were made to some posts alongwith promoting various categories of employees working in departments and undertakings under his ministry during the last three years;

(d) if so, category-wise and year-wise details thereof;

(e) whether the recruitment of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes has been made as per the reservation policy and employees belonging to these categories working therein have been promoted as per the reservation quota prescribed for them; and

(f) the action being taken by his ministry to fill up the vacant reserved posts under various categories and to promote the SC/ST employees as per the reservation quota?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (f). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Amrahat Pump Scheme

3515. SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the funds allocated for the first phase of Amrahat Pump Scheme under Ghatampur Parliamentary constituency of Uttar Pradesh and the progress achieved so far;

(b) whether Union Government propose to start the second phase of this scheme;

(c) if so, the date from which the said work will be started; and

(d) the funds likely to be allocated by State Government and Union Government under this scheme separately?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No amount has been allocated during VIII Plan for the first phase of the scheme since the scheme was completed during VII Plan. The ultimate irrigation potential of the scheme was 3.90 thousand hectares which was fully created.

(b) and (c). Second phase of the scheme is yet to be received from the State Government for appraisal/ examination in Central Water Commission.

(d) Amrahat Pump Canal State-II is an unapproved scheme and was included in the VIII Plan as a new scheme. An amount of Rs. 5.00 crore was recommended by the Planning Commission during VIII Plan for the execution of the scheme. However, no expenditure on the scheme has been incurred during VIII Plan by the State Government.

Test Report

3516. SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sub-standard medicines have been encouraged due to not taking timely action after raids by the Department of Health on the enterprises and shops in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the test report of the raids made in the medicine shops in the year 1994 by the Department of Health has not been received so far;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of persons against whom action is being taken on the basis of the Test Report; and

(e) the number of cases lying pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Maintenance of Canals in U.P.

3517. PROF. OM PAL SINGH NIDAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether digging and clearing of canals is undertaken every year in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the names of such canals in Uttar Pradesh which are cleared fully every year;

(c) whether Seesam and Babul etc. trees have grown up in canals in Uttar Pradesh;

(d) if so, the reasons of coming up of these trees inspite of their cleaning every year; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to removing these trees and other filth from the canals?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

12.00 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications under sub-section (4) of section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 and Annual Report and Review by the Government of the Working of the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Ltd., Calcutta for the year 1994-95 etc.

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN((Tindivanam) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table -

(1) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (4) of section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 :

(i) G.S.R. 257(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 27th June, 1996 approving the New Mangalore Port Trust Employees (Recruitment Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 1996.

(ii) G.S.R. 362(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 13th August, 1996 approving the Visakhapatnam Port Trust Employees (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 1996.